

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : Attny. Docket No.: STROH  
Applicant: Leslie STROH : Confirmation No. 2689  
Serial No.: 09/264,171 : GAU: 2761  
Filed: March 5, 1999 : Examiner: G. Akers  
For: "TRADE FINANCING METHODS, :  
INSTRUMENTS AND SYSTEMS"  
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October 9, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND  
REQUEST FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

**S I R:**

In response to the Official Action dated July 9, 2002 please amend the above  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please SUBSTITUTE the following amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending  
claim(s) with the same number(s):

96. (amended) A trade finance method according to claim 35 wherein the latent

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